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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] Referring to Figure 2, the neck portion 30 of the outer race is provided with an internal groove 32 while the flange 24 is provided with an external groove 33. A spring ring 34 secures the parts together by engaging the internal groove 32 and external groove 33. If desired, there may be an O-ring seal 41 interposed between the flange 24 and the adjacent end of the portion 30 to exclude dirt, etc. from the inter-engaging splines 25 and 31 and the grooves 32 and 33. The spring ring used will normally be of rectangular cross-section as shown in Figure 2 and will normally have a greater dimension radially than axially. The O-ring 41 may also be of rectangular cross-section. Figure 3A shows an alternate sealing arrangement for the neck portion 30 and the flange 24 wherein the O-ring 41 is engaged by an internal annular groove 150 at the end of the neck portion 30. The external shoulder 151 of the ~~neck portion~~ flange 24 can also include an annular recess 152, shown in broken lines, for sealing the O-ring seal 41 on the flange 24.